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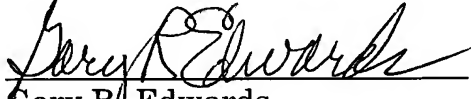
Entry of the amendments to the specification before examination of the application is respectfully requested. The foregoing amendment is submitted in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on September 20, 2004 regarding the above-identified U.S. patent application. In particular, the Notice indicated that page 18 of the specification had been omitted. However, Applicants note that the application as filed is complete in that while an additional blank page 18 was included inadvertently, none of the text of the specification or claims was omitted. Accordingly, the foregoing amendment deletes the blank page 18 and renumbers page 19, which includes the Abstract of the Disclosure, as page 18. Pursuant to item III on page 2 of the Notice, it is Applicants' understanding that the application papers as filed on December 15, 2003 will constitute the application herein, and that the filing date of the application will continue to be December 15, 2003.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit
Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 038743.52928US).

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